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1.  The amendment filed on 05 November 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a)  entered.
- b)  entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c)  disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.  
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d)  disapproved. See explanation below.
- e)  entered in part. See explanation below.

*NOTE: Although claims 9 and 11-17 are indicated as "withdrawn" in the present amendment, these claims were rejoined in the Notice of Allowance mailed on October 6, 2004.*

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1.  The amendment filed on 15 December 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

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*The amendment to claim 1 is entered as being directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention. However, the amendment to claim 18 is not entered because the amendment alters the scope and introduces a possible 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph issue.*

*Tom Thomas*